

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) An information recording and reproducing medium in which information can be written optically onto both sides thereof, comprising:
a label area provided on an outer surface of at least one of said sides; and
a program area onto which information can be written optically,
wherein said both areas are provided on at least one of said sides.
 2. (Original) The information recording and reproducing medium according to claim 1, wherein said program area has a ring shape of a predetermined width.
 3. (Original) The information recording and reproducing medium according to claim 1, further comprising a recording layer provided in said program area,
wherein said recording layer is formed from either one of a cyanine based organic dye and an azo based organic dye which undergoes changes in optical characteristics thereof upon irradiation with light.
 4. (Original) The information recording and reproducing medium according to claim 1,
wherein a pit art is recorded in said program area.
 5. (Original) The information recording and reproducing medium according to claim 3,

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wherein a pit art is recorded onto said recording layer provided in said
program area.

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